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SUBJECT VEB Schiffswerft Rosslau/Elbe:  
Personnel; Ships Planned for  
Construction in 1958; Material  
Supply

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1. In June 1958, Walter Hinrichs, manager (Werkleiter) of the VEB Schiffswerft (shipyard), Rosslau/Elbe, was transferred to the VEB Warnow-Werft, Warnemuende, to become Werkleiter there. He was replaced at Rosslau by August Ecklebe, the former head of the Labor Department of the shipyard.

2.a. In 1958, the Rosslau shipyard was scheduled to build the following:

- 12 tankers
- 4 coastal dredgers
- 6 refrigerator ships
- 1 large hydrofoil boat (Tragflaechenboot)
- 1 small hydrofoil boat

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b. As of September 1958, the following had been completed and launched:

- 10 tankers
- 2 coastal dredgers
- 3 refrigerator ships

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c. Because of the poor material used in its construction, one of the coastal dredgers had to go back for repairs shortly after launching.

3. Material Status

a. Material supplied for drilling is poorly processed scrap, infrequently quality steel (Qualitaetsstahl), and often poor material in which blisters and sand are found. In the manufacture of a large crankshaft, for example, it was necessary, after it was almost two-thirds completed, to halt further work because the steel had sandy spots and could not be used. The whole job was thrown onto the scrap heap.

b. The introduction of the Seiffert (production line) method was of no avail, as a result of the poor material status. When the workers were urged by the Party members (BGL and BPO) to support the Seiffert method,

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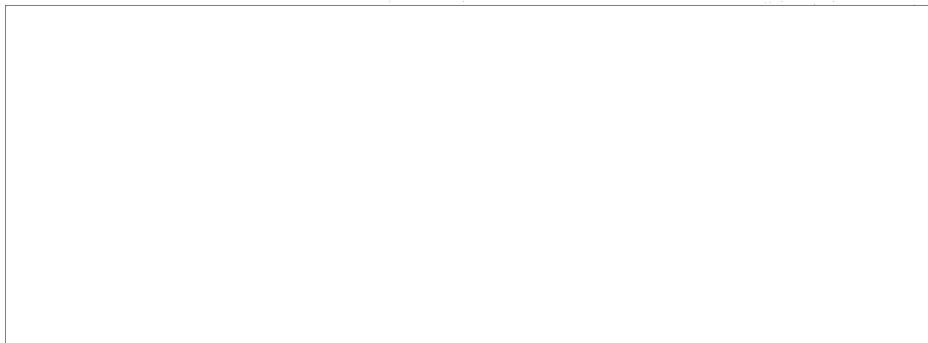
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they retorted that they didn't need a new method - they needed better materials.

- c. Much equipment and machinery at the shipyard was also in poor condition.



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